

DDYJ's Collins Commended for His Support to the Warfighters

COL (P) Mike Lally, USA, Commander of the Defense Distribution Center (DDC), presents the Joint Service Commendation Medal award to Boatswain's Mate First Class Roger Collins Jr., Surface Warfare, USN, for his exceptional service as Material Processing Center Leading Petty Officer at Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ).



"At DDYJ, we are committed to providing world-class customer service, and it's people like Petty Officer Collins who help us do just that. His efforts and accomplishments demonstrate his genuine commitment to the Warfighter," said CDR Kent Vredenburg, SC, USN, DDYJ Commander.

Through a display of remarkable skill and leadership, Petty Officer Collins aided in the implementation and subsequent success of the Naval Supply Systems Command and DLA Material Processing Center initiative at DDYJ. Petty Officer Collins led his well-trained team in providing innovative customized

delivery services and increased asset visibility to the forward-deployed Naval Force in Yokosuka.

Petty Officer Collins also volunteered to provide surge support at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP) after DDSP experienced a spike in workload due to the demands of customers supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

DDC Military Personnel Receive Awards

CPO Mark Bilyeu, USN, received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his meritorious service as Assistant Officer in Charge, Map Support Office Italy, Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, where his unsurpassed knowledge enabled support of numerous military operations throughout the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern theaters. CPO Bilyeu was directly responsible for the distribution of 50,000 mapping products to more than 1,000 customers. He also provided direct support to Operation Iraqi Freedom when he volunteered to assist Map Support Office Bahrain as Quality Safety Supervisor.

SFC Terrance Blackwell, USA, was recognized for his achievements as Material Control and Accounting Specialist, Map Support Office Tampa, Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, with a Joint Service Commendation Medal. SFC Blackwell's accomplishments include providing exceptional service to several Department of Defense agencies and supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom while deployed to Map Support Office Bahrain.

WO1 Joe DeCosta, USA, was recognized with a Joint

Service Commendation Medal for his outstanding accomplishments as Officer in Charge, Distribution Standard System, at Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, PA (DDSP). WO1 DeCosta's responsibilities included new procurement, field returns and inspections of Air Delivery and Textile equipment valued at more than \$500 million. He also acted as a liaison with the Army's Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command to process rigger inspections on thousands of pieces of critical life-sustaining aerial delivery equipment.

Lt Col Thomas Fisher, USAFR, received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his service as Assistant to the Chief, Joint Reserves Affairs Office, where his assistance in obtaining Air Cargo Specialists significantly supported Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

CDR David Hicks, USNR, was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts as Executive Officer, Defense Logistics Agency Contingency Support Team, Distribution Operations Team, Bessemer, AL, where he superbly supported distribution centers and established numerous command programs that contributed to higher retention and morale rates for first and second term Sailors.

LT Dwayne Hopkins, SC, USN, received the Joint Service Commendation Medal in recognition for his service as Officer in Charge, Map Support Office Norfolk, Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, where he provided outstanding product assistance to customers within the Second Fleet and Atlantic areas of responsibility. He also developed a training program for customers on how to order

products via the Internet. Additionally, LT Hopkins was responsible for initiating a demand-based analysis of inventory that resulted in a reduction in inventory.

CAPT Mary Hov, USNR, received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for her service as Commanding Officer, Defense Logistics Agency Contingency Support Team, Distribution Operations Team Two, Bessemer, AL. Her outstanding leadership resulted in major contributions to the Defense Distribution Center's support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The logistical support provided during her tenure resulted in a significant cost avoidance.

MSgt Mark Kayser, USAR, was recognized for his performance as Superintendent, Map Support Office Germany, Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, with a Defense Meritorious Service Medal. MSgt Kayser expertly led 16 military and civilian personnel in the expedient distribution of more than 7.1 million maps and charts to nearly 4,000 customers. Additionally, MSgt Kayser's innovative ideas resulted in process improvements, increased efficiencies and resource savings.

LT Melanio Lopez, SC, USNR, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his accomplishments as Officer in Charge, Map Support Office San Diego, Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, where he oversaw the conversion of the inventory system to a web-based distribution system. This, coupled with an initiative to train customers to submit requisitions electronically, reduced customer wait time by up to 87 percent in some cases.

CDR Robert Martin, USNR, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his accomplishments as the Commander of Navy Reserve Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan One, Sioux Falls, SD. In this position, CDR Martin led his unit through a successful transition from a Navy Fleet Industrial Supply Center detachment to a DLA Navy Reserve attachment assigned to the Defense Distribution Center.

TSgt Rembert Owens, USAFR, received a Joint Service Commendation Medal for his service as Transportation Specialist, Air Force Individual Mobilization Augmentee, Defense Distribution Center, where his skill, knowledge and professionalism aided in enabling DDC to provide world-class logistics support to customers supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

SSgt Alice Plunkett, USAF, received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for her efforts as Assistant Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Warehouse Operation, Map Support Office Germany, Defense Distribution Mapping Activity, where she provided superior customer support and skillfully managed the disposal of more than 4,000 overstocked and obsolete products, freeing up a large amount of warehouse space. While deployed to Map Support Office Bahrain, SSgt Plunkett helped to distribute maps and charts that subsequently let to Coalition ships being able to navigate into Iraqi territory safely.

MSG Hector Reyes, USA, distinguished himself as Operations Noncommissioned Officer at Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna, PA (DDTP) and received a Joint Service

Commendation Medal. In this position, MSG Reyes scheduled and coordinated training for DDTP personnel in a way in which the distribution center was able to continue to meet processing metrics while completing required training.

LCDR Jon Rugg, USNR, received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his accomplishments as the Commander of Navy Reserve Defense Distribution Depot Pearl Harbor, Reno, NV. Lcdr Rugg's knowledge and leadership aided in the successful transition of his unit from a Navy Fleet Industrial Supply Center detachment to a DLA Navy Reserve attachment assigned to Defense Distribution Center.

Lt Col Milton Siler, USAFR, was recognized with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his achievements as Logistics Management Officer and Chief, Air Force Individual Mobilization Augmentee Team Leader, Defense Distribution Center. His leadership, skill and devotion to duty resulted in superior performance. He also guided the A-76 transition at Defense Distribution Depot Warner Robins, GA, and lead the DLA Contingency Support Team in Bosnia where his efforts maintained an aircraft fully mission capable rate above 90 percent.



All,

Due to the ever increasing need for contingency support and the lack of specialized skills in the pool of Emergency Essential Employees, we are asking you to support the Kuwait depot mission. Job vacancies have created the need to send another rotation of personnel to support this mission. Currently we are looking for the following positions for the Defense Distribution Depot Kuwait, Southwest Asia (DDKS).

4 General Supply Specialists

- 1 - with Accountable Officer experience
- 2 - with experience in Quality Assurance
- 1 - with experience in Inventory

1 Administrative Clerk

1 Information Technology Specialist

Remember, we're looking for employees with these skills regardless of whether your current job requires these skills. Selected individuals will need to complete some steps such as physicals and passports prior to departure. Employees will be placed on orders not to exceed 179 days. Once DDKS fills all current vacancies these individuals will return home. Volunteers will be staying at a hotel in Kuwait and will wear civilian attire. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Your support to the mission is greatly appreciated!

Very respectfully,

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"One Team, One Fight"

DDC Remembers JV Gray

The Defense Logistics Agency lost one of its best and brightest in 2004. After a long battle with cancer, JV Gray passed away at the home of his daughter in Phoenix, AZ, in November. Gray, who spent most of his career at

Defense Distribution Depot Red River, TX (DDRT), began in 1965 as a Youth Opportunity Trainee. He worked his way up to General Supply Specialist for DLA, working at the headquarters in Fort Belvoir, VA. Gray also worked at the Defense Distribution Center as a Packaging Specialist. He was considered to be an honest, gracious individual with integrity and will be greatly missed.